INMATE MARRIAGE APPROVAL

523.1 POLICY

The Thurston County Sheriff's Office Corrections Bureau will establish a process by which the approval of marriage, a legally sanctioned process of wedlock, for inmates incarcerated in the facility will be considered only under the most compelling of circumstances or upon order of the court.

523.2 PROCESS

Inmates must apply for marriage by submitting an Inmate Electronic Request Form (kite) to the Chief Deputy of Corrections, via the administration. The approval of marriage will be determined by the Chief Deputy of Correction, or designee. The following criteria will be considered in the final decision:

(a) The consequences of not getting married would have significant negative impact on dependent child/children's well-being.

(b) Financial hardship.

(c) Length of sentence.

(d) Duration of relationship.

(e) Any other significant issue(s) will be reviewed.

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